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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 0566

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS LE
SUBJ: BOMBING IN DOWNTOWN BEIRUT

1. AT ABOUT 1200 HOURS ON FEBRUARY 1 AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE
WENT OFF IN DOWNTOWN MARTYR'S SQUARE. ACCORDING TO INITIAL
REPORTS, FOUR PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 20 WOUNDED. ACCORDING
TO THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, THE DEVICE WAS THROWN FROM A
CAR DRIVING THROUGH THE AREA. WE DO NOT HAVE ANY EVIDENCE
ON WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE.

2. THE BOMBING IS CERTAIN TO EXACERBATE INTERNAL TENSIONS
AND MUTUAL SUSPICIONS AMONG CHRISTIANS, MUSLIMS AND DRUZE.
THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED IN THE SAME PLACE AS ONE ON AUGUST
24, 1977 WHICH RESULTED IN MORE THAN 30 CASUALTIES
(SEE 77 BEIRUT 4171).
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